

REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action, dated July 16, 2003, Applicants have modified the claims in this Preliminary Amendment Accompanying RCE to indicate that the switching circuit selection, or selection changing of the pulses is performed independently from any signal from the pulse generator. As noted by the Examiner, the *Maki* prior art reference merely teaches switching over to a predetermined fixed potential in response to signals from the timing pulse generator. This is clearly different than the subject matter disclosed herein. Accordingly, Applicants request allowance of all claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that all claims now stand in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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